# MINUTES

OF THE

☆ THIRTY-FIRST ☆ ANNUAL ☆ MEETING ☆

OF THE

**Western Corresponding Association**

OF THE

# OLD SCHOOL PREDESTINARIAN BAPTISTS

**Of Northwest Missouri,**

HELD WITH

## Three Forks of Nodaway Church,

**Nodaway County, Missouri.**

FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY,

October 3rd, 4th and 5th, 1890,

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# MINUTES.

FRIDAY, October 3rd, 1890.

The Association met at 10 o'clock a. m.

Singing and prayer by Elder R. M. Thomas.

The introductory discourse was delivered by Elder J. S. Weaver, of Indiana, from the first chapter and 9th verse of Paul's Epistle to Titus.

After which the following proceedings were had and done.

Elder R. M. Simmons, Moderator; Thomas Shearer, Clerk, and Elder R. M. Thomas, Assistant Clerk.

1. Correspondence of churches called for, and noted in the following table :

| Churches | Messengers' Names. | Church Meeting days. | Baptized. | Rec'd. by Letter | Dism'd by Letter | Rec'd by Relation | Excluded | Restored | Dead | Total |
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| Unity | J. W. McGee and E. C. Smith | 4th Sat. | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 16 |
| Hilllsborough | Elder R. . M Thomas | 3rd Sat. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 15 |
| Three Forks of Nodaway | T. Shearer, Sam'l Hostetter and S. F. Guthrie | 2nd Sat | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |
| | | | --- | --- | --- | --- | 2 | --- | 2 | 46 |
| Hope Primitive | R. M. Thomas. | 1st Sat. | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 22 |
| Iowa | Elder R. M. Simmons | 3rd Sat. | --- | --- | --- | 1 | --- | --- | --- | 10 |

2. Correspondence of associations called for, received and noted, as follows:

First Kansas—Letter and Messengers. Elders R. M. Thomas, G. S. Weaver, David Caudle and A. D. Jones, licentiate.

Licking, Ky.,— Letter and Messenger, Elder G. S. Weaver.

Mt. Pleasant, Ky.,—Letter and Messenger, Elder R. M. Thomas.

Pilgrim's Rest—Minutes.

Columbia River—Minutes.

Indian Creek, O.—Messengers, Elders G. S. Weaver, and R. M. Thomas.

3. Messengers and others who are in sympathy with us and the doctrine, we hold and in good standing in the churches to which they belong are invited to seats with us.

4. Gave opportunity for churches and associations to enter into correspondence with us.

5. Brother Isaac Thurston was appointed to write a corresponding letter and report on Saturday.

6. The circular letter called for, which was presented by Elder R. M. Thomas, read and referred to a committee composed of Samuel Hoseter, Thomas Shearer and the writer to report Saturday.

7. Appointed that we hold our next annual meeting with the Hope Primitive, at Miami, in Saline county, Mo., on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1891, and the two following days.

8. Brethren Samuel Hostetter, S. F. Guthrie and R. M. Thomas were appointed a committee to arrange preaching during the meeting.

9. Dismissed by Elder R. M. Thomas.

10. After an intermission of 20 minutes services were resumed, and A. D. Jones, licentiate from Kansas preached a sermon from 2. Corinthans, 8th Chapter and 1st Verse.

Benediction by Elder R. M. Simmons.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 4th, 1890.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment at 9 o'clock a. m.

Singing and prayer by Elder G. S. Weaver.

11. The committee on the Circular Letter called, the committee recommend it, which was received and adopted and committee discharged.

12. Brother Thomas Shearer was appointed to write a Circular Letter for next year.

13. The Corresponding Letter was called for, read and ordered printed with our Minutes.

14. Messengers were appointed to bear our correspondence as follows:

FIRST KANSAS—Association when met with Big Walnut church near Easton, in Leavenworth county, Kansas, on Friday before the last Saturday in September, 1891, and the two following days. Elders R. M. Simmons, R. M. Thomas; Brethren Samuel Hostetter, E. C. Smith, Benj. Ball, Thomas Shearer and Isaac Thurston.

LICKING, KY.—Elders R. M. Thomas, G. S. Weaver, D. Caudle.

INDIAN CREEK, OHIO—R. M. Thomas, G. S. Weaver and D. Caudle.

MT. PLEASANT, KY.—Elders R. M. Thomas, G. S. Weaver and D. Caudle.

PILGRIM'S REST—Elders R. M. Thomas and G. S. Weaver.

COLUMBIA RIVER—Minutes.

15. Any of the Brethren of our Association or any of the corresponding brethren who may attend any of the Associations above mentioned are appointed our Messengers to them.

16. Ordered that Elder R. M. Simmons superintend the printing and distributing of 400 copies of our Minutes, and the contributions of churches for that purpose was turned over to him.

17. The Minutes being read and approved the Association by motion and second agree to adjourn for preaching, and after preaching to the time and place of our next annual session.

Closed by Elder R. M. THOMAS.

ELDER R. M. SIMMONS, Moderator.

THOMAS SHEARER, Clerk.

Elder R. M. THOMAS, Assistant Clerk.

# PREACHING.

On Saturday—By A. D. Jones, from Ezekiel 17 Chap, 22, 23 and 24 v.
Elder R. M. Simmons, from Ephesians 2 Chap. and 19 v.
On Sunday 10 o'clock, singing and prayer by A. D. Jones.
After which Elder R. M. Thomas preached from 5 Chap. and 1st v. of Gal.
Elder G. S. Weaver, from Jeremiah 12 Chap. 9 and 10 v.
A. D. Jones, from St. Luke 20 Chap. 35th and 36th v.

# CIRCULAR LETTER.

The Elders and Messengers composing the Western Corresponding Association of the Old School Predestinarian Baptists of Missouri, in session with the church called Three Forks of Nodaway, in Nodaway County, Mo., on Friday before the first Saturday in October, 1890, and the next two days following. To the several churches whose Messengers we are, and to all of like precious faith.

GREETING: Grace be unto you, and peace from God, our Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ.—Ephesians 1st chap. and 2nd v.

Dearly beloved in the truth, not only by us, but we trust also by all who have known the truth. "For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us forever.—2nd John, 1st chap. and 1st v.

For as much as many have taken in hand, to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us. Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eye witnesses and ministers of the word. It seems good unto us to write unto you in order. Luke 1st to 3rd v. We desire to write unto you none other than the words of the Lord, and that his words may be fulfilled in us, and you which declare. As for me, this is my covenant with them saith the Lord, My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the Lord, from henceforth and *forever*. Hence, as one Apostle says, so say we. "To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grevious, but for you it is safe." Phil. 3rd chapter 2nd and 3rd verses. Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision, for we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh." The doctrine of our Lord, as known among us, and believed by us, makes us to rejoice in Christ Jesus, giving all glory to our God, and to have no confidence in the flesh, because we are taught to trust alone in the Lord, and by the spirit of our God, do glory in him and rejoice in His name. The Savior says "It is written in the Prophets, and they shall be all taught of God, every man therefore that hath heard, and that hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me." John 6th Chapter and 45 verse. We

will inquire concerning those who are taught of of God; hear and learn of the Father and come to Jesus. The scriptures say "That which is born of the flesh is flesh." John 3rd chapter and 6th verse. "The natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit of God." "The carnal mind is enmity against God, for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed, can be these declarations with many others of like character show us that it is not the Adam man who is born of the flesh that sees the kingdom of God, not the natural man that is taught of God, for then he could receive the things of the spirit of God, not the carnal mind that is taught of God, and comes to Jesus for then it would be subject to the law of God, and no longer enmity to God. These same scriptures say "That which is born of the spirit is spirit." 1st Corinthans, 2nd chapter, 2nd and 16th v. We have the mind of Christ. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God, that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God "These testimonies, with many others of a similar import, prove to us that those who are taught of God, and hear and learn of the Father and come to Jesus, are those who are begotten and born into the liberty of the Sons of God, are spirit, having been born of the spirit, and therefore can see and enter into the kingdom, and being spiritual, can receive the things of the the spirit, which are spiritually disserned." These are they who were chosen of God in Christ Jesus as it is written. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ according as he hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love." Ephesians 1st Chapter 3rd and 4th v. "This is the doctrine of election as surely believed by us which is taught us of our God. and we have heard and learned of our Father; and has brought us to Jesus our Elder Brother." The eternal, personal, unconditional and unfrustrable election of our God in Christ Jesus before the world began, of all that family in heaven and earth, who are named of him, and who are brought into manifestation as the children of God, being begotten of his love and born of the spirit, having God for their Father, and Jerusalem which is above and is free for the mother of them all. Gal. 4 chapter and 26th v. This is indeed a family "holy and without blame before Him in love, because none of the unholy works of the flesh have anything to do with their begetting or birth, but are a chosen generation, a holy seed that shall serve him, having a pure lineage, being born not of blood, nor the will of the flesh but of the will of God. St. John 1st chap. and 3 v. And according to his wondrous love are shown to be the children of God, with promise that they shall see him as he is, and be like him, and having this hope in him, purify themselves as he is pure." It is written, as he is, so are we in this world." Therefore, as he was put forth in the flesh, so are they put forth in the flesh, as he was found in fashion as a man, so is it with them;

raised up Jesus from the dead, dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his spirit that dwelleth in you." Romans 8th chapter and 11th v. The union of Christ and his people, is thus gloriously shown in all of its wondrous bearings. He is in the Father and the Father in him. He in them, and they in Him. John 10th chapter and 30th v. He in the flesh to show his matchless grace, they in the flesh, experiencing the riches of his mercy, the fullness of his grace and the wonder of his love and having this blessed testimony. 1st Corinthans 15th chapter and 53rd to 54th v. "This mortal must put on immortality,, this corruptable must put on incorruption and when this mortal shall have put on immortality,then s all be brought to pass the saying that is written, "Death is swollowed up in victory, O death where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law, but thanks be to God who giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore beloved brethren be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. 1st Corinthans, 15th chapter and 5th to 8th v. O Lord, thy matchless saving grace, fills us with wonder and amaze. The glories of thy heavenly love, but the God of all grace who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered awhile, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen and settle you. 1st Peter 5th chapter, 10th and 11th v. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever, amen.

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# CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Western Corresponding Association of the Old School Predestinarian Baptists of Missouri, in session with the Three Forks of Nodaway church, in Nodaway county, Missouri, on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1890, and the two following days To the Churches and Associations with whom she corresponds, send Christian salution :

Very Dear Brethren in the Lord: It is through the tender mercy of our God that we are again permitted to meet in an associate capacity and to hear from you by your letters and messengers, and we are rejoiced to hear that you are enjoying peace and that sweet fellowship and love in the gospel of the grace of God. The business of our association has been conducted in order, peace, unity and harmony prevailed in our assembly, and we feel to say come again as we desire a continuance of your Christian correspondence, you will see by our Minutes when and where our next session will be held and we desire to meet and greet you again until then. Dear Brethren Farewell.

ELDER R. M. SIMMONS, Moderator.

Thomas Shearer, Clerk.
Elder R. M. Thomas, Assistant Clerk.

as he partook of flesh and blood, so are they, these children, are partakers of flesh and blood that his wondrous mercy and grace might be gloriously manifested in the salvation of sinners, and in the adoption of their bodies, which is their redemption and embrace their resurrection change and being fashioned like unto the risen and glorified body of our wonderful redeemer. Isiah 46 chapter and 10th v. Now he has declared the end from the beginning, saying my counsel shall stand and I will do all my pleasure. Isiah 45 chapter and 23rd v. "And the word that goes out of his mouth shall not return unto him void, but shall accomplish that which he please and prosper in the thing whereto he hath sent it," and in accord with this the Appostle says: "Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself according to the good pleasure of his will. Ephesians 1st. chapter 5th and 6th v. To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved." As Jesus is the substance of complete predestination, so all them that are in Christ are embodied in it. Him being delivered by the determinate council and foreknowledge of God. Acts 2nd chapter and 23rd v. They also with him are embraced in the same. "Determinate council and foreknowledge," Romans 28 chapter and 29th v. And hence we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose; for whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his son, that he might be the first born among many brethren. These things that were appointed unto Jesus the first born, are appointed unto the many brethren among whom he is the first born, and who are thus conformed to his image; and made manifest in his likeness. As his life labors, afflictions, shame, reproach, sufferings, death, and all attendant circumstances, and everything relating thereto, was ordained of God, and fulfilled according to his eternal counsel, so it is with his people, and this embraces all things, so all things and events are predestinated, set determined by the absolute, unerring wisdom of him who works all things after the counsel of his own will. Eph. 1st chapter and 11th v. "My counsel shall stand and I will do all my pleasure. The consummation of the salvation of sinners as experimentally realized by us while we are here in the flesh, consists in the manifestation of the sons of God by their partaking of flesh and blood or taking upon themselves these bodies that are born of the flesh, and dwelling in them as treasures in earthen vessels living in them by the faith of the son of God, and sealing them unto the great day of redemption, waiting and in hope, for the adoption to-wit the redemption of our bodies. Our experience now is, "if Christ be in you the body is dead because of sin. But the spirit is life because of righteousness." And our hope that maketh not ashed is. Romans 5th chapter and 5th v. But if the spirit of him that